

MINUTES
KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS
FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2007

This meeting of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners was called to order by Board President Dr. Verle Carlson at 9:27a.m., who then welcomed everyone to the meeting. Participating in this meeting with Dr. Carlson, were Board members Dr. Mark Olson, Dr. Richard Barta, Dr. Vern Otte, Dr. Christen Skaer, Mr. Richard Coffelt and Dr. Mary Sue Painter. Also present during this meeting were agency staff Dr. Dirk Hanson, Mr. Larry O'Hara and Ms. Cheryl Mermis. Board General Counsel Ms. Mary Feighny and Litigation Counsel Mr. David Leffingwell were also present.

A motion was made by Dr. Olson to adopt the proposed agenda for this meeting. Dr. Skaer seconded the motion. This motion passed on a voice vote.

Dr. Carlson asked if there was anyone present from the general public that wished to speak during the public forum for non-agenda items. No one from the general public was present.

A motion was made by Dr. Barta to approve the minutes of the last Board meeting as written. Dr. Painter seconded the motion. This motion passed on a voice vote. Dr. Carlson then signed the draft of the minutes of the last Board meeting and provided that signed copy to Ms. Mermis.

The Board next reviewed applications for new veterinary licenses and veterinary technician registrations. The Board approved issuance of the licenses and registrations.

Dr. Hanson advised Board members of the occurrence of irregular behavior by a recent applicant when taking the Kansas jurisprudence examination. Board members by consensus instructed staff that the applicant will be required to retake and successfully complete the jurisprudence examination before a license be issued.

The Board next heard a report regarding ongoing case activities.

The Board recessed the Board meeting at 09:45a.m., at which time the Board convened a hearing in the matter of Daniel V. Groth DVM, Case # 06034.

Upon adjournment of the hearing the Board reconvened the Board meeting at 10:45 a.m. Board members next presented case determinations / resolutions they had participated in since last meeting for Board awareness.

The Board next reviewed and discussed case feedback recently received.

The Board next reviewed public comment received regarding the proposed revisions to KAR 70-5-1. Dr. Otte made a motion to approve the proposed revisions to KAR 70-5-1. This motion was seconded by Dr. Painter. The Board conducted a roll call vote on adoption of K.A.R. 70-5-1. The vote was 7-0 in favor of adoption.

The Board discussed names of veterinarians that might be nominated to the Governor for Board term(s). Dr. Barta and Dr. Otte both expressed desire to be considered for reappointment. It was the consensus of the five remaining Board members to sign a letter to the Governor's office recommending reappointment of Dr. Barta and Dr. Otte.

The Board next heard a legislative update report. Included was discussion about SB 351 re: Administrative hearings.

The Board recessed the meeting at 2:00 pm, and convened a hearing in the matter of August Hildebrand DVM, Case # 06034.

Upon adjournment of the hearing, the Board reconvened the Board meeting at 3:30p.m..

The Board next heard a report about a teleconference meeting of a KVMA committee on alternative providers of veterinary medical services. The Board was presented with questions being posed by the committee chairman. The Board's answers to the questions were noted, and will be presented back to the committee chairman with language that the Board is happy to consider anything offered to them.

During the Director's report of non-agenda items,

- 1) the Board members were reminded that each of their Statement of Substantial Interest forms were due back by April 30.
- 2) Information was also presented about the upcoming Central Veterinary Conference
- 3) No dates will need to be arranged for board members to preside in a hearing in the McCallum matter, but may be needed for a hearing in the Atteberry matter. Board members are not to have any knowledge of or any discussion with anyone about this case in order to preserve their eligibility to participate on the hearing panel.

Dr. Olson then made a motion to authorize a 3% salary increase to Ms. Mermis and Mr. O'Hara and to use the COLA increase for Dr. Hanson. Mr. Coffelt seconded this motion. This motion passed on a voice vote of 7-0.

The Board reviewed and approved the following dates & locations of future Board Meetings: July 27 in Wamego; Sept. 14 in Wamego; November 2 in Wamego; and January 4, 2008 also in Wamego.

The Board then indicated they wanted as an agenda item for the next Board meeting a review of possible license sanctions.

Having no other business to address at this time, this meeting was adjourned at 4:45p.m.